



City of Akron
FIRE DEPARTMENT



2006 ANNUAL REPORT

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AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to improve the quality of life within the community by providing a high quality emergency medical service, by providing an excellent fire prevention program, including public education and arson investigation, by providing a firefighting force capable of handling emergencies, which may include structural firefighting, hazardous materials mitigation, all types of rescues and miscellaneous emergencies and catastrophes.

We will accomplish this mission while maintaining a high regard for the safety and health of our personnel. We will maintain a high standard of training, a quality occupational and health program, and a superior communication system. We will receive superb backing from our fire and hydrant maintenance programs.



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor



George Romanoski
Deputy Mayor



Charles R. Gladman
Chief



Akron Fire Department **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF**

On behalf of the men and women of the Akron Fire Department, I am pleased to present the 2006 Annual Report to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, members of Akron City Council, and the citizens of Akron.

In the ninth year under my leadership as Fire Chief, our department continues to deliver high quality emergency services that our citizens deserve and expect. At the same time, we are constantly seeking to improve our level of service to the community while operating in a fiscally responsible manner. The balancing act of providing high quality services while striving to contain costs and expenses would not be possible without the dedication and commitment of the members of our department.

In 2006, I was able to fill vacancies in our supervisory ranks, all except two of them at our firefighting operational level. There were two captains promoted to district chief, two lieutenants promoted to captain and seven firefighter/medics promoted to lieutenant. The filling of these vacancies will provide leadership, guidance, and control on our fire and EMS companies and will enhance firefighter safety. Also in 2006, we replaced five of our well-used Advanced Life Support ambulances with new ones (for Stations 2, 4, 5, 6, and 12), and signed construction contracts for a new pumper engine for Station 10 and a new ladder truck for Station 9.

Locally and nationwide, today's firefighters are skilled, well-educated, highly trained professionals, more valuable and versatile than ever before in the history of the fire service. As technology moves ahead, we continue to research new and innovative methods to safeguard those who live, work and visit in our city. The newer responsibilities for the fire service are Homeland Security and Domestic Preparedness. While they place additional burdens upon all first-responders, they also present new opportunities to serve. Rest assured that the Akron Fire Department will rise to meet the challenges and opportunities presented to us.

With gratitude and thanks to Mayor Donald Plusquellic and his cabinet, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety George Romanoski, the City Administration, City Council, and the citizens of Akron for their support and understanding, I offer assurance that the committed men and women of the Akron Fire Department will be prepared whenever, wherever, they are needed.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Gladman

Fire Chief

ORGANIZATION OF THE AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor
Safety Director

George Romanoski
Deputy Mayor
Public Safety

Fire Division Chief
Charles R. Gladman
1 Secretary IV – M. Ellis

Safety Officer
District Chief D. Stoneman
Benefits Officer
J. Beavers (Share 20 hours with EMS)

Administrative Officer
1 District Chief
District Chief B. Combs

Special Services Subdivision
1 Deputy Chief – District Chief J. Green (underfilling)
1 Secretary II – M. Newman

Operations Subdivision
3 Deputy Chiefs
1 District Chief (Float) – District Chief D. Ott
4 Battalions (2,4,8,9) – 13 Fire Stations

Administrative Subdivision
1 Deputy Chief – Deputy Chief R. Ross Jr.
1 Secretary III – J. Wise

Bureau of EMS
1 District Chief – District Chief D. Evans
1 Lieutenant – (EMS Training) – Lt. M. Lozowy
1 Secretary III-C. Baughman, 1 Secretary II-C. Neel,
1 Secretary I – J. Chin

Bureau of Fire Training
1 District Chief – District Chief D. Stoneman
1 Captain – Capt. R. Marmaduke
2 Fire/Medic Instructors
1 Secretary III, G. Evans

Bureau of Fire Prevention
1 District Chief – District Chief F. Marina
1 Secretary III – S. Holler

Code Enforcement Section
3 Lieutenant Inspectors –
Lts. Park, Walker
7 Fire/Medic Inspectors

Fire Investigations Section
1 Lieutenant Section Manager –
Lt. Wroblewski
3 Fire Investigators (Shifts A, B, C)

Public Education Section
1 Lieutenant Section Manager – Vacant
3 Fire/Medic Public Safety Educators

A Shift Commander – Deputy Chief E. Hiltbrand
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Whytsell,
Patrino, Blasdel, Scott, Smith
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medics

B Shift Commanders – Deputy Chief J. Rosneck
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Case,
Vober, Thomas, Bragg, Tucker
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medic's

C Shift Commander – Deputy Chief L. Bunner
5 Battalion Commanders – Captains Stewart,
Ware, Greenwood, Twigg, Natko
26 Lieutenants, 88 Fire/Medic's

Bureau of Communications
1 District Chief – District Chief J. Kury
3 Lieutenants – Fire Liaisons
1 Lieutenant-1 Fire/Medic – Information Sys.

Bureau of HazMat/Rescue
1 District Chief – District Chief A. Law
1 Captain – Captain M. Oziomek
1 Lieutenant – Lt. P. Gauer
(share 20 hours with Union)

Bureau of Accounting and Services
1 Lieutenant – Lt. R. Breznak
1 Secretary III – B. Wasson

Bureau of Fire Maintenance
1 Fire Equip Master Supervisor – M. Sombrio
1 Secretary III – D. Sebastian

Fire Hydrant Repair Section
1 Fire Hydrant Supervisor –
G. Williams
3 Fire Hydrant Workers

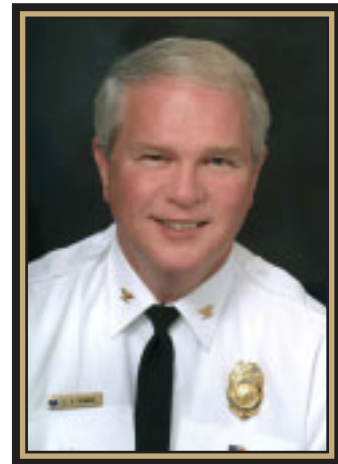
Fire Storeroom Section
1 Storekeeper II – R. Good
2 Store Clerks

**Vehicle and Building
Maintenance Section**
1 Fire Equipment Master Foreman –
N. Bierwirth
8 Fire Equipment Master Mechanics

2006 DEPUTY CHIEFS



Dep. Chief Edward Hiltbrand



Dep. Chief Larry Bunner



Dep. Chief Robert Ross Jr.



Dep. Chief John Rosneck

2006 DISTRICT CHIEFS



D/C James Green



D/C Douglas Ott



D/C Dennis W. Stoneman



D/C Brent E. Combs



D/C Frank Marina



D/C Anthony R. Law

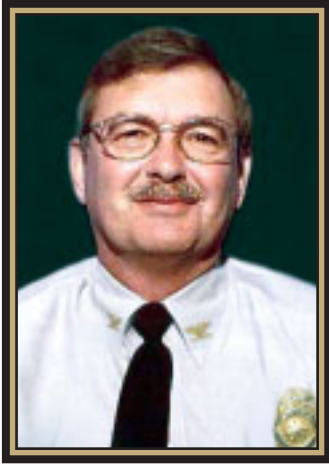


D/C Dale Evans

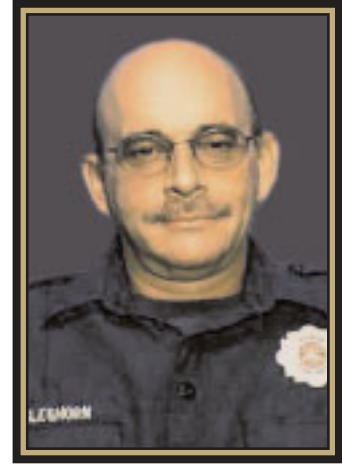


D/C Joseph Kury

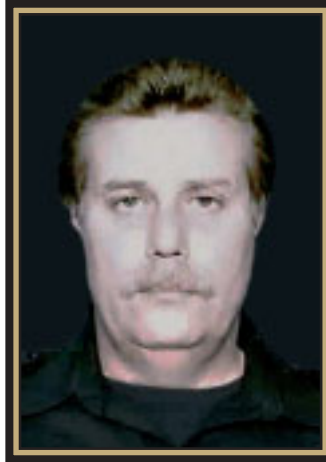
2006 RETIREES



Deputy Chief Charles Strum
Retired 02-10-06



FF Richard Gleghorn
Retired 02-20-06



FF James McCollum
Retired 06-01-06



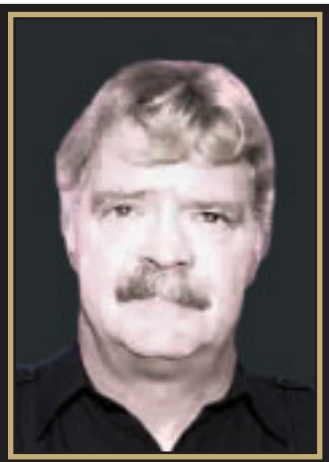
FF Ronald Rodgers
Retired 05-03-06



LT. Dennis Nelson
Retired 06-09-06



LT. Leroy Moss
Retired 08-05-06



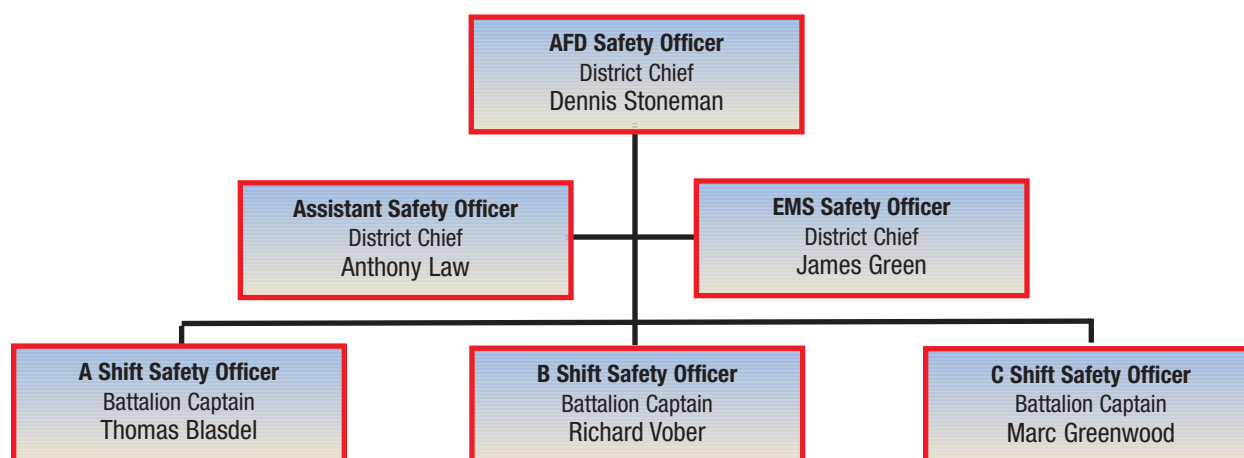
LT. Gregory Aschelman
Retired 06-08-06



LT. Daniel Shaughnessy
Retired 09-22-06

SAFETY OFFICER

District Chief Dennis Stoneman, in addition to being the Chief of Fire Training, functions as the Akron Fire Department Safety Officer. District Chief James Green handles any EMS safety issues such as needle sticks, TB testing and exposure reports. A Battalion Captain on each of the 3 shifts has been assigned to serve as shift safety officers to allow for better flow of information and documentation.



In 2006, the Akron Fire Department administered TB testing to all personnel and flu shots were made available to the Akron Police Department, Communication Center and the Akron Fire Department. 2006 showed an increase in the total number of injuries and exposures with the greater part coming from increases in exposures to infectious disease and hazard material.

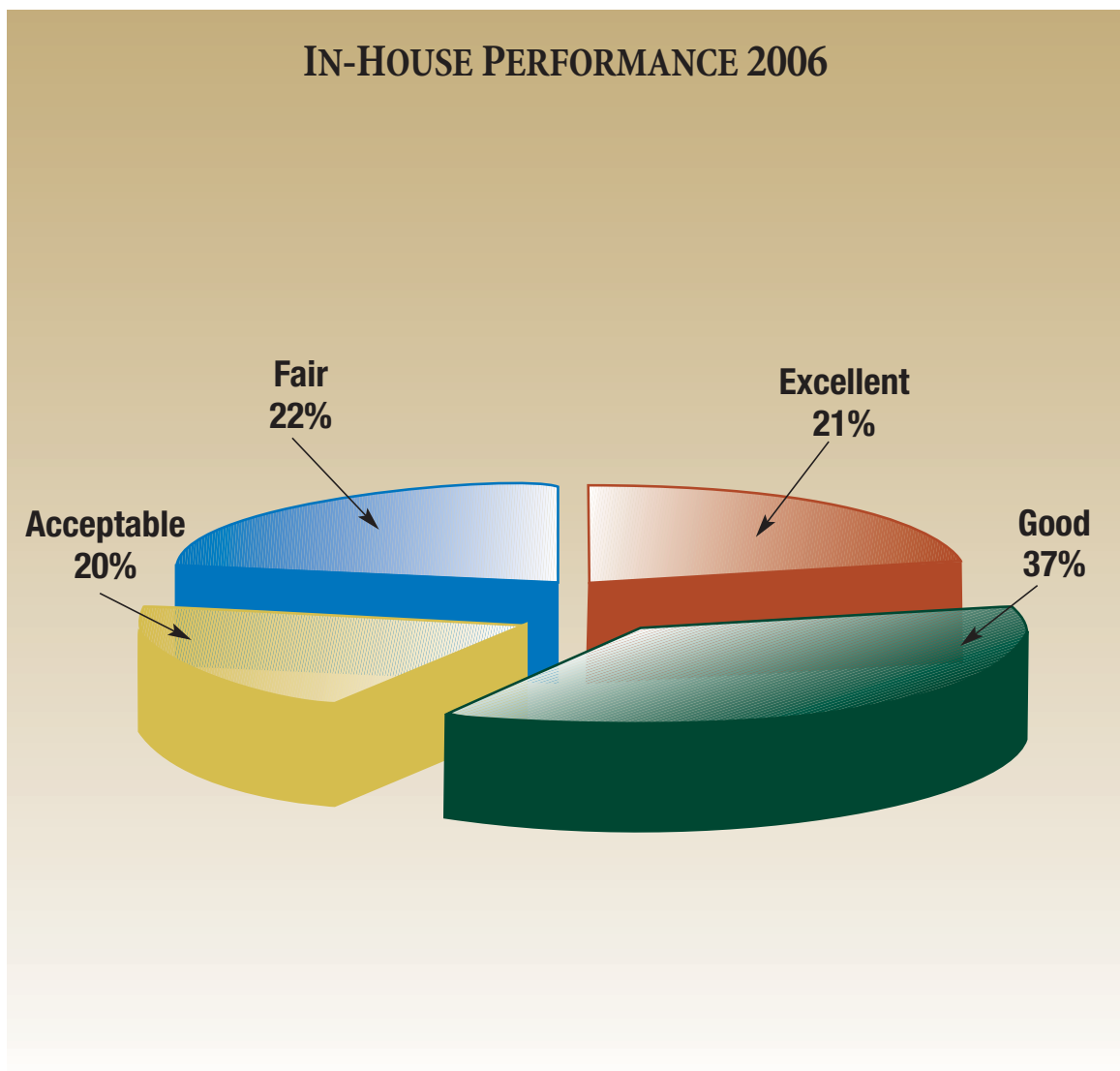
The Fit for Fire performance evaluations were administered by the Akron Fire Training Bureau with 342 Akron firefighters participating. There were 263 who performed the Drill Field Test and 79 who chose the In-House evaluation.

COMPARISON OF INJURIES FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS

TYPE OF DATA	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Back Injuries	20	22	34	32	23	27	21
Burns	6	10	3	6	4	5	6
Days lost/Injuries	285	82	88	143	64	50	28
Exposures to Hazardous Material	132	30	124	88	103	86	209
Exposures to Infectious Disease	25	49	66	54	64	29	58
Fractures	3	3	0	1	1	2	0
Injuries sustained at EMS Incidents	24	25	62	45	28	35	5
Injuries sustained at structural Fires	26	34	39	46	38	33	26
Respond/Return Fire & EMS	6	9	7	10	5	10	4
Sprain/Strains	36	66	80	72	52	61	45
Total Number of Injuries/Exposures	262	285	318	292	278	241	376

FIT FOR FIRE

This year three hundred and forty-two firefighters participated in the Fit for Fire performance evaluations. Two hundred and sixty-three personnel performed the Drill Field test, and all achieved a passing score. Seventy-nine chose the in-house evaluation. The following chart reflects the AFD's in-house testing performance.



OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION



Edward Hiltbrand
Deputy Chief – A Shift



John Rosneck
Deputy Chief – B Shift



Larry Bunner
Deputy Chief – C Shift

The majority of the personnel who work in the Fire Division are assigned to the Operations Subdivision. Operations is where the Fire Division organization is broken down into the individual firefighting and EMS companies which perform the day-to-day public safety activities of the Akron Fire Department.

Operations is divided into three shifts (the A, B, and C shifts), which work a 24-hour on / 48-hour off shift. A Deputy or District Chief fulfills the role of Shift Commander and supervises each shift. The Shift Commanders handle the daily staffing issues and the scheduling of training and other activities for their shift. They also act as the interface between their shift and Fire Administration. The Shift Commanders will assume command of larger (second-alarm or greater) incidents that occur on their shift. The Shift Commander's office is located at Station 3. The telephone number is (330) 375-2219.

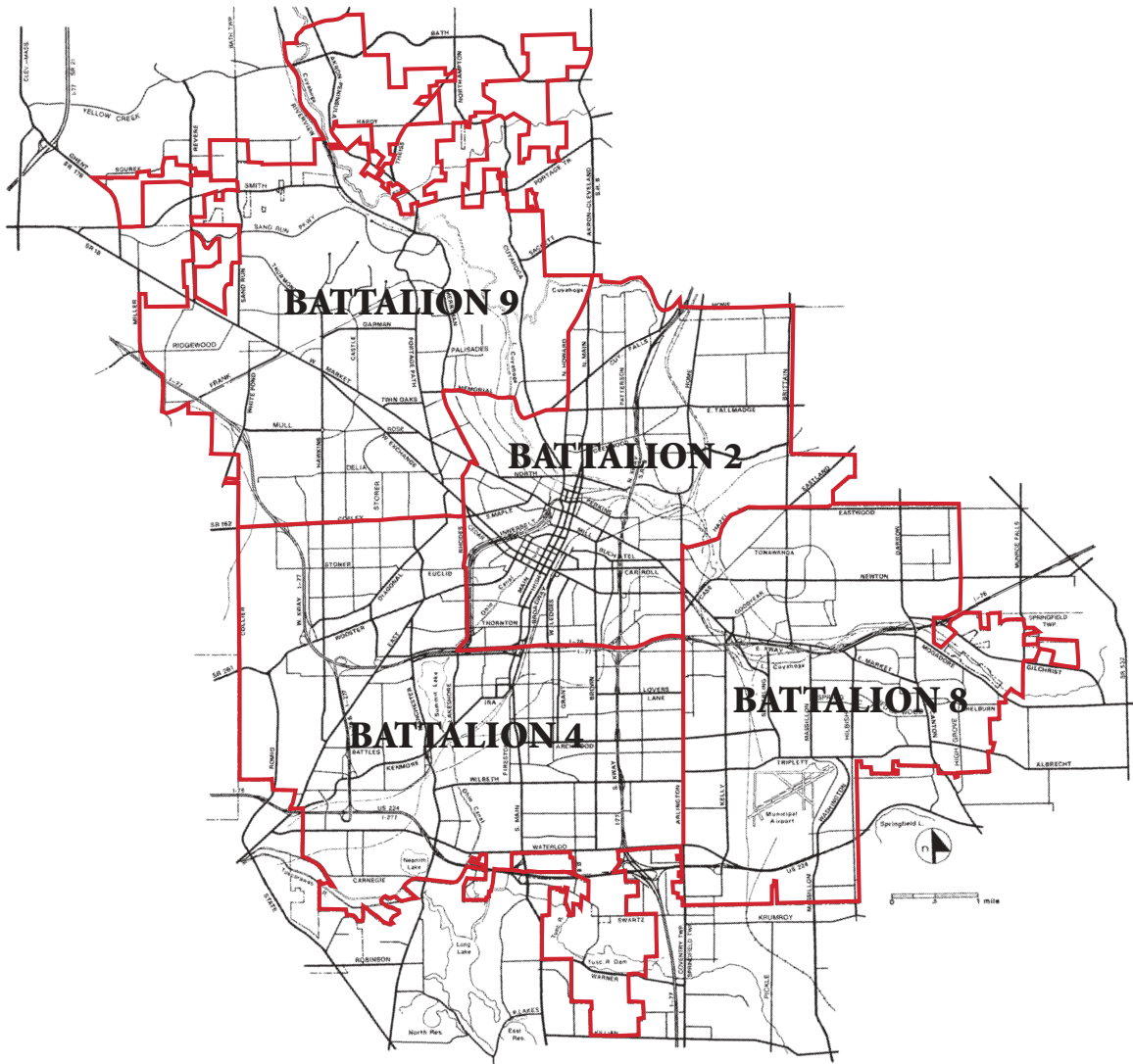
The City of Akron is geographically divided into four sections, known as Battalions. Each Battalion has several stations within its boundaries. Each shift has four Battalion Commanders (Battalions 2, 4, 8, and 9) that are

responsible for command and control of most emergency incidents in the City. The Battalion Commanders supervise the individual companies in their respective Battalions.

Each individual fire company is made up of a Company Officer (usually a Lieutenant) who supervises two to three Firefighter/Medics. The Company Officer is responsible for the supervision and safety of the company members assigned to him or her at all times. The Company Officer is responsible for all reports and communications relating to the operation of their company.

Akron Fire EMS units may be staffed in one of two ways. EMS units may be combined with a fire unit and therefore have a four-person crew. These "Combo" companies respond with their entire crew to either fire or EMS incidents with the appropriate vehicles. In addition, other EMS units are staffed with only a two-person crew, supervised by the fire officer in the station where they are housed. All Akron Fire paramedics are also firefighters and rotate duty assignments between fire and EMS companies on a regular basis.

BATTALION DISTRICTS



BATTALION 2

A-Capt. Whytsell
B-Capt. Case
C-Capt. Stewart

BATTALION 4

A-Capt. Patrino
B-Capt. Vober
C-Capt. Ware

BATTALION 8

A-Capt. Scott
B-Capt. Thomas
C-Capt. Greenwood

BATTALION 9

A-Capt. Blasdel
B-Capt. Bragg
C-Capt. Twigg



FIRE STATISTICS

FIRE ALARM RESPONSE GRAND TOTAL – 16,668



Engines		
Engine	2	.....1016
Engine	3	.....867
Engine	4	.....1076
Engine	5	.....375
Engine	6	.....554
Engine	7	.....693
Engine	8	.....444
Engine	9	.....753
Engine	10	.....628
Engine	11	.....192
Engine	12	.....396
Engine	13	.....484
Engine	14	.....411

Ladders		
Ladder	4	.....838
Ladder	7	.....427
Ladder	8	.....664
Ladder	9	.....943
Ladder	10	.....257

Battalions		
Battalion	2	.....1280
Battalion	4	.....1526
Battalion	8	.....812
Battalion	9	.....1204

HazMat, Rescue		
HazMat	4	.....113
Rescue	4	.....115

Total Engine7889

Total Ladder3129

Total Battalion4822

Total Rescue228

Other Fire Units . . .600

Alarms	
Times	A.M.
A.M.	.....2578
P.M.	.....4780

Causes for	
Fire	.....1032
False	.....719
Accidental	.....561
Other Emergencies	....1563
Miscellaneous	.....3,483

Types of Fires	
Buildings	.....520
Motor Vehicles	.....204
Grass, Rubbish & Dumps	.289
Miscellaneous	.....19

Occupancy of Building Fires	
Public Assemblies	.....43
Educational	.....4
Institutional	.....6
Residential	.....401
Store & Office	.....16
Basic Industries	.....2
Manufacturing	.....7
Storage	.....27
Special	.....14

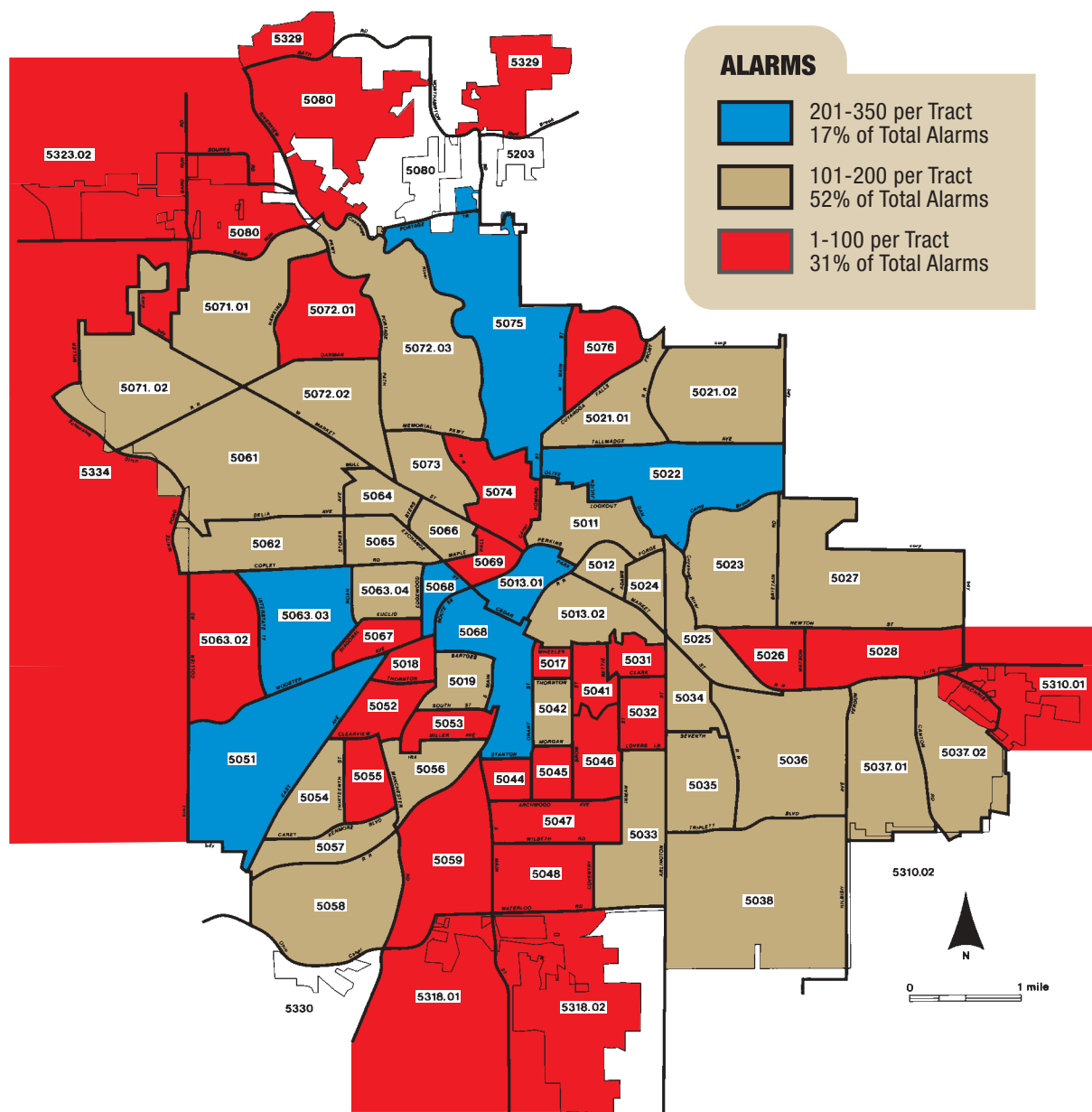
Casualties to Citizens	
Injuries	.....36
Fatalities	.....8

Casualties to Firefighters	
Injuries	.....376
Fatalities	.....0

In Services	
Engine Companies	.....13
Ladder Companies	.....5
Medics & Medic Combos	.13
Personnel	.....376
Alarm Boxes	.....215

RESPONSES TO ALARMS BY AKRON FIRE DEPARTMENT PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS – 7,358



BUILDING FIRES

				Public Assembly Property	Educational Property	Institutional Property	Residential Property	Store & Office Property	Basic Industry, Utility, Defense	Manufacturing Property	Storage Property	Special Property	Total
Careless Smoking	2			35	1		1	3	1	43			
Children Playing with Matches/Lighters				8						1	9		
Unattended/ Overheated Food on Stove	3		3	164	3					1	174		
Defective Wiring, Transformers/Short Circuit				27	1		1	2	1	32			
Defective Electrical Appliances/ Overheated	2		1	16	1		2			22			
Open Flames, Lights, Candles, Matches	1			13						14			
Design/Construction				17				3	1	21			
Overheated Furnaces, Stoves & Heaters				4						4			
Combustibles near heaters, Stoves, Furnaces	28				2			1	1	32			
Incendiary & Set	2	2		41	3			5	1	54			
Careless Use of Flammable Liquids				4						4			
Defective Heating & Cooling										0			
Leaking Gas Pipes and Appliances				7						7			
Automotive Fires in Buildings								2		2			
Lightning				1				1		2			
Spontaneous Ignition				1	1	1				3			
Sparks from Welding, Cutting Torches			1	3				3		7			
Hot Ashes near Combustibles				2						2			
Overheated Clothing/Lint in Dryer	1	1	1	15						18			
Sparks from Chimneys, Incinerators				10						10			
Static or Friction Sparks										0			
Mental/Physical Impairment										0			
Fireworks/Sparklers										0			
Kerosene Heater Fires								1		1			
Miscellaneous	2			11	1	1	3	3	3	24			
Undetermined & Suspicious	2	1		22	3			3	4	35			
TOTAL	43	4	6	401	16	2	7	27	14	520			

LOSS CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING FIRES

	Number of Fires	Percentage of Fires	Estimated Loss	Percentage of Loss
Under \$5000	348	66.92	\$261,712	2.96
5000-9999	34	6.54	\$219,051	2.48
10000-19999	26	5.0	\$314,800	3.56
20000-29999	24	4.62	\$563,011	6.37
30000-39999	18	3.46	\$593,105	6.71
40000-49999	19	3.66	\$815,000	9.32
50000+	51	9.8	\$6,071,400	68.7
Total	520		\$8,838,079	



FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
1/1/06	1170 Nome Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$24,000	\$69,000
1/2/06	397 Woodland Avenue	Multifamily Dwelling	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
1/7/06	1010 Rosemary Blvd., B6234	Multifamily Dwelling	\$70,000	\$400	\$70,400
2/1/06	356 Montrose Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$65,000
2/17/06	635 Fernwood Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$55,000	\$25,000	\$80,000
2/19/06	250 McGowan Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
2/23/06	471 Grant Street, 2D	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
2/25/06	873/875 Chalker Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$60,000
2/25/06	361 East Thornton Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$3,000	\$53,000
2/27/06	804 Lovers Lane	Food and Beverage Sales	\$500,000	\$300,000	\$800,000
3/4/06	182 North Arlington Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$70,000
3/21/06	40 East Mapledale Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$75,000	\$30,000	\$105,000
3/22/06	247 Berman Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
3/27/06	655 North Portage Path	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$300,000	\$35,000	\$335,000
4/11/06	48 South Canton Road	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000
5/2/06	1112 Winton Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$40,000	\$10,000	\$50,000
5/8/06	1221 Everton Drive	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
5/18/06	1484 Triplett Blvd.	Airdock	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000
5/24/06	1618 Woods Road	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
6/1/06	179 East South Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$110,000
6/2/06	391 Montrose Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
6/3/06	56 North Union Street	Motor Vehicle or Boat Sales	\$450,000	\$200,000	\$650,000
6/4/06	685 Carnegie Avenue, A-8	Multifamily Dwelling	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000
6/9/06	1697 Breiding Road	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
6/11/06	332 Ira Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$3,000	\$63,000
6/23/06	179 East South Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$100,000

FIRE LOSSES AT \$50,000 AND OVER

DATE	ADDRESS	FIXED PROPERTY USE	BUILDING	CONTENTS	TOTAL
6/25/06	747 Bellevue Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$65,000
6/30/06	1731 Cromwell Drive	Multifamily Dwelling	\$130,000	\$10,000	\$140,000
7/1/06	1144 Manning Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$1,000	\$61,000
7/2/06	1710 Shirley Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$75,000
7/7/06	604 Crouse Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$55,000
7/9/06	2278 26th Street SW	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000
7/11/06	1138 7th Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$75,000
7/13/06	1143 6th Avenue	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000
7/22/06	383 Doyle Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$55,000
8/3/06	1075 Georgia Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$69,000	\$10,000	\$79,000
8/4/06	1048 Sweitzer Avenue	Warehouse	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
9/7/06	1641 Creighton Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000
9/21/06	189 Hickory Street	Church, Mosque, or Synagogue	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$65,000
9/25/06	642 South Arlington Street	Household Goods, Sales	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$125,000
10/4/06	627 Fulmer Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$85,000
10/11/06	1462 Redwood Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$50,000	\$4,000	\$54,000
10/12/06	7 Ascot Parkway	Manufacturing, Processing	\$2,000	\$50,000	\$52,000
10/24/06	633 Moreley Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000
10/24/06	1035 Hemlock Hills Drive, D	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000
10/29/06	2699 Nesmith Lake Blvd.	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$90,000	\$20,000	\$110,000
11/4/06	826 Avon Street	Multifamily Dwelling	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$55,000
11/30/06	474 Sherman Street, 2D	Multifamily Dwelling	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$180,000
12/7/06	544 Euclid Avenue	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$45,000	\$10,000	\$55,000
12/14/06	2084 Forest Edge Drive	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
12/20/06	2573 Berne Street	One or Two Family Dwelling	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$70,000

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Following is a summary of the activities of the Division of Fire for the year 2006 including a comparison with the activities of the year 2005.

	2005	2006	Up	Down
Total Response	17,883	16,668		1215
Alarm Total	7885	7358		527
Types of Incidents:				
Building Fires	529	520		9
Vehicles Fires	259	204		55
Grass, Rubbish & Dump Fires	381	289		92
Miscellaneous Fires	23	19		4
False Alarms	932	719		213
Accidental Alarms	512	561	49	
Emergency Alarms	1,623	1,563		60
Misc. Calls (No fires involved)	3,626	3483		143
Fire Loss:				
Total	5,889,940	9,454,299		
Per Capita	27.78	44.60		
Population of Akron	212,000	212,000		

FIRE STATISTICS

Building	Valuation	Loss
Public Assembly	\$7,793,250	\$95,512
Educational	\$58,,600,100	\$1,819
Institutional	\$239,100,010	\$1,7060
Residential	\$225,053,555	\$6,252,241
Store and Office	\$13,608,005	\$1,662,965
Basic Industry	\$8,000,000	\$35,000
Manufacturing	\$35,205,000	\$82,400
Storage	\$6,832,215	\$662,860
Special	\$1,085,624	\$28,222
Building & Contents Total	\$595,277,759	\$8,838,079
Motor Vehicles	\$1,229,854	\$605,475
Miscellaneous	\$4,039,009	\$10,748
Grand Total	\$600,546,622	\$9,454,299

ALARMS WHERE NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED

Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	
Overpressure rupture from steam (no ensuing fire)	7
Overpressure rupture from air or gas (no ensuing fire)	7
Explosion (no fire)	6
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	24
Rescue and Emergency Medical Service Incident	
Medical Assist	1473
Lock-in	9
Search for lost person	1
Extrication, rescue	77
Water and ice-related rescue	3
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
Combustible/flammable spills and leaks	199
Chemical release, reaction, or toxic condition	107
Radioactive condition	0
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	519
Biological hazard	0
Accident, potential accident	34
Explosive, bomb removal	9
Attempted burning, illegal action	4
Hazardous condition (no fire), other	0
Service Call	
Person in distress	73
Water problem	111
Smoke, odor problem	275
Animal problem or rescue	206
Public service assistance	262
Unauthorized burning	292
Cover assignment, standby at fire station, move-up	0
Service call, other	34
Good Intent Call	
Dispatched and cancelled en route	335
Wrong location, no emergency found	325
Controlled burning	130
Vicinity alarm	6
Steam, other gas mistaken for smoke	245
EMS call where party has been transported	5
HazMat release investigation with no HazMat found	101
Good intent call, other	24
False Alarm and False Call	
Malicious, mischievous false alarm	246
Bomb scare (no bomb)	30
System or detector malfunction	443
Unintentional system or detector operation (no fire)	561
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	
Severe Weather and Natural Disaster	133
Special Incident Type	
Citizen Complaint	9
Special type of incident, other	1
TOTAL	6326

SPECIAL OPERATIONS SUBDIVISION

The Special Operations Subdivision is overseen by the Special Operations Subdivision Deputy Chief and is made up of the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, the Fire Training Bureau, and the HazMat-Rescue Bureau.

The **Emergency Medical Services Bureau** is probably the most visible component of the Akron Fire Department today. The largest percentages of all calls to the Fire Department today are EMS calls. The Akron Fire Department initiated a municipal emergency medical system in 1978 with just 3 ambulances and a handful of paramedics. Our EMS system is regarded as one of the finest in the country and our goal is to continue the tradition of excellent service we provide to the citizens of the City of Akron. The Emergency Medical Services Bureau offices are located at Fire Administration and the Bureau currently is managed by District Chief Dale Evans. The EMS Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2071.

The **HazMat-Rescue Bureau** supervises the specialized teams which provide emergency services outside of the realm of "normal" fire or emergency medical incidents. These teams are the Dive Rescue Team, the Technical Rescue Operations Team (TROT) and the Hazardous Materials-Rescue Team (HazMat-Rescue). The Dive Rescue Team based at Station 10 in Kenmore responds to all water related situations in the city, including swift-water rescue, ice diving and evidence recovery diving. The Technical Rescue Operations Team based at Station 7 in North Hill mitigates emergencies requiring expertise in high-angle and rope rescue, trench rescue and confined space entry. The Hazardous Materials-Rescue

Team based at Station 4 handles the growing problem of emergencies involving hazardous chemicals and also deals with rescue situations requiring vehicular extrication and heavy-rescue incidents. All of these groups supplement the county teams when necessary due to large incidents that occur outside of the City of Akron. All of these team members have received considerable training in their specific disciplines and attend continuing education on a regular basis to ensure their skills are kept top-notch. The HazMat-Rescue Bureau offices are located at 25 E. Thorton St. (Fire Station 4) and the Bureau is currently managed by District Chief Anthony Law. The HazMat-Rescue Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2164.

The **Fire Training Bureau** has responsibility for the oversight and coordination of all training conducted by the Department. Instruction begins on a Fire/Medic's first day as a member of the Akron Fire Department and continues until that person retires from the fire service. Fire Training researches, develops, delivers and tests on the wide variety of topics that the Fire/Medics of today's ever-changing world need to be skilled. Fire Training also administers the Apprenticeship program that assists in developing new recruits into Journeyman Fire/Medics. The goal of all of our training is to further develop our personnel and deliver the Fire Department's services in a safe, efficient manner. The Fire Training Bureau offices are located at 766 Brittain Rd. (Fire Station 14) and the Bureau is currently managed by District Chief Dennis Stoneman. The Fire Training Bureau telephone number is (330) 375-2635.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU



Dale Evans
District Chief

On behalf of the Akron Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau it is my pleasure to present this summary of activities for the year 2006. One of our many objectives within the Akron Fire Department is to improve the quality of life within the community by providing a high quality emergency medical service. It is our priority in the EMS Bureau to provide this service in an efficient, competent, compassionate, and professional manner. In order to accomplish this we provide our paramedics with the highest quality vehicles, equipment and training that our budget permits. Additionally we review our performance with a comprehensive Quality Assurance program.

We experienced another busy year in 2006. Our units responded to 31,533 requests for

emergency medical service. We transported 6,055 patients to the area Emergency Departments. In addition our Tactical EMS Team responded with the Akron Police Department 51 times. We also provided EMS service to the many special events that took place in 2006.

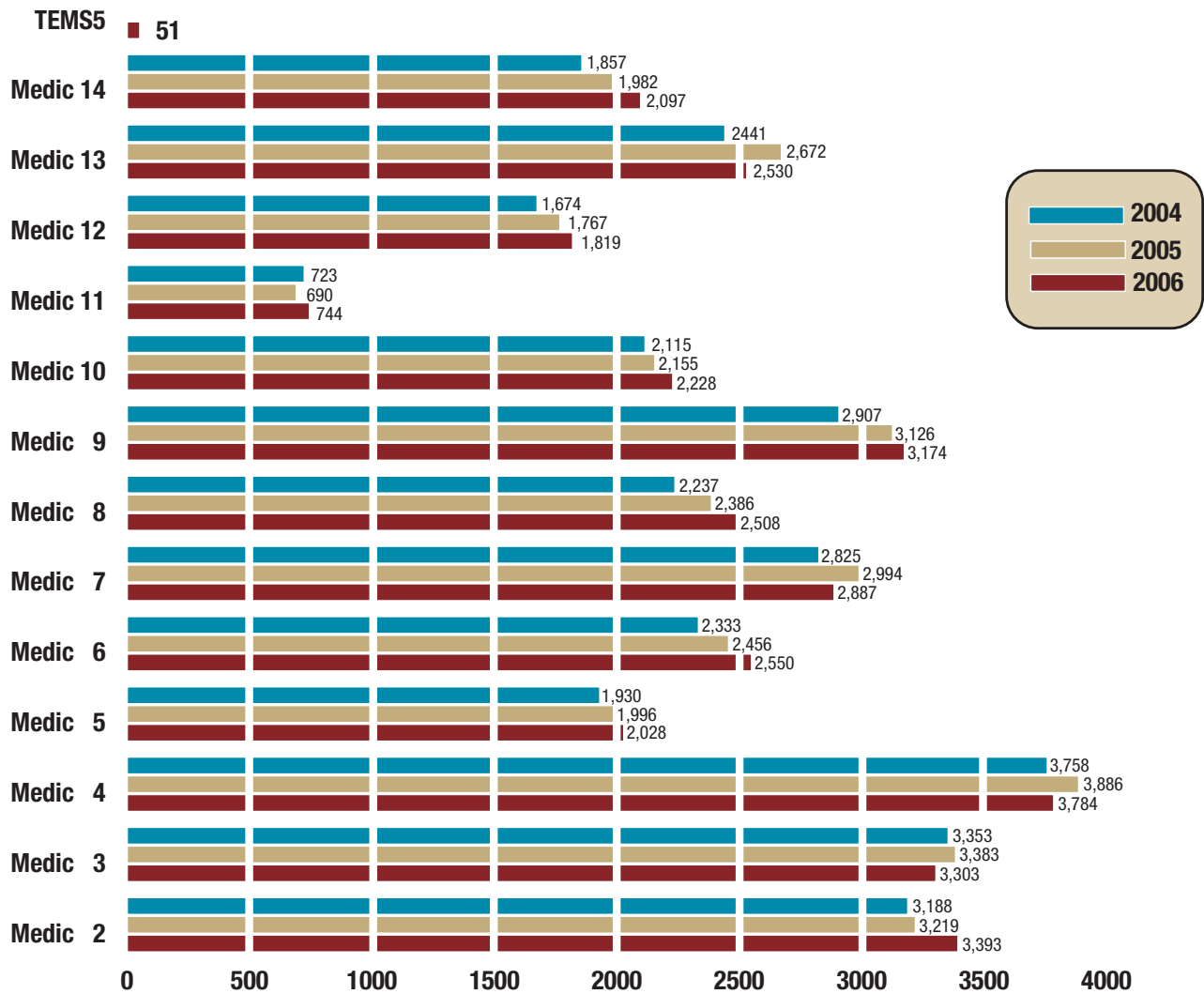
In addition to emergency service we also provided EMS training to groups within the community, and participated in drills and exercises with the local schools and hospitals in our community.

The EMS Bureau would like to gratefully acknowledge the support we receive from the Mayor, City Council, the EMS Advisory Board chaired by Dr. Michael Moser, and Dr. Richard Gradisek who serves as our medical advisor.

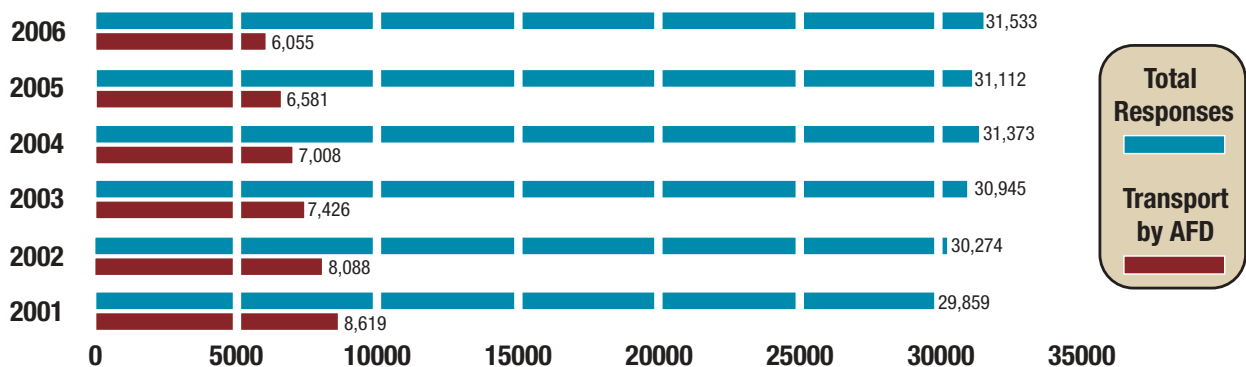
Finally I would like to thank the men and women of the Akron Fire Department. The dedication and professionalism of these individuals continues to be the key to our successful delivery of emergency medical services within the City of Akron.



TOTAL RESPONSES BY MEDICAL UNIT

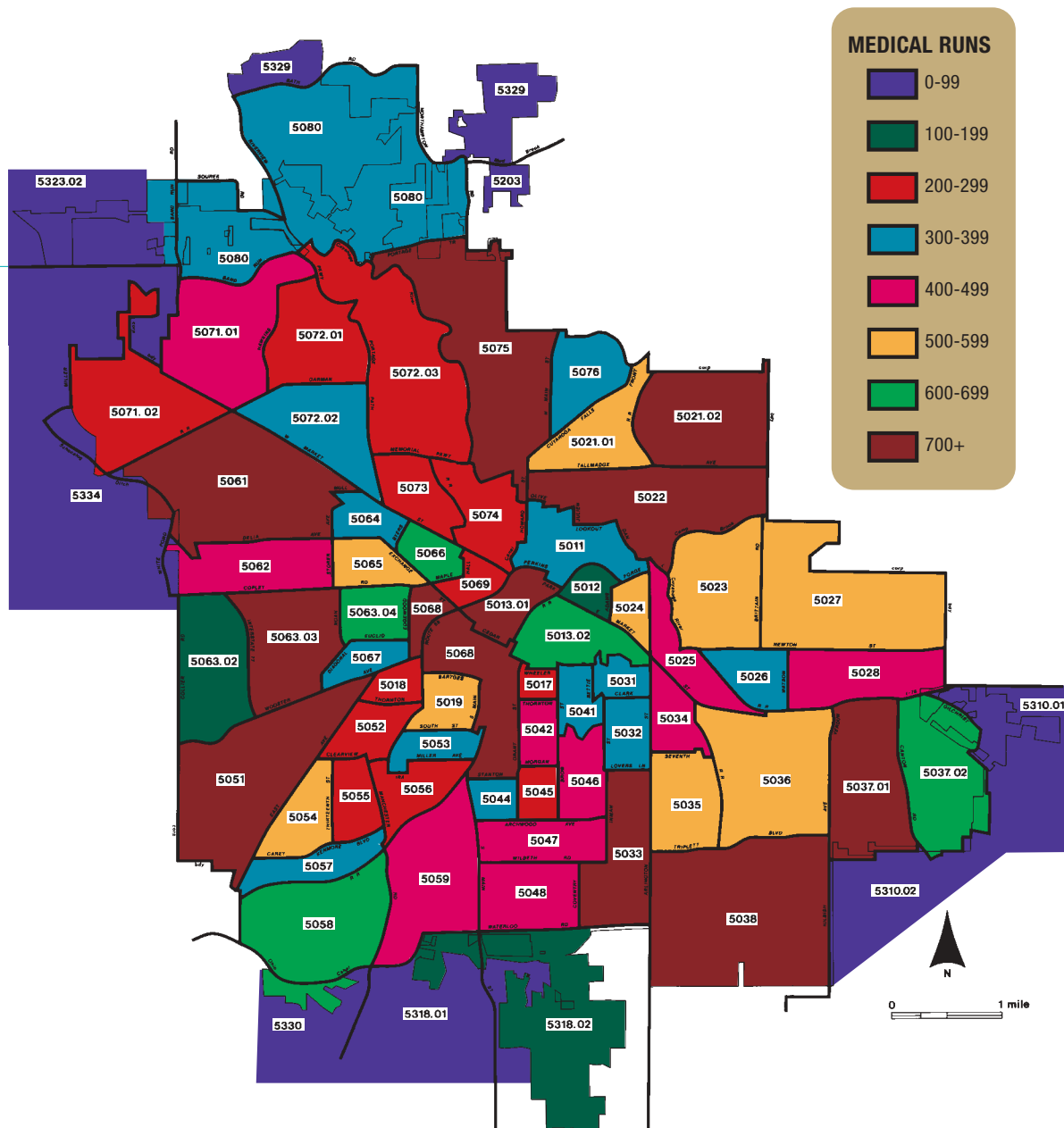


TOTAL SYSTEM REVIEW



MEDICAL RUNS BY THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) PER CENSUS TRACT

TOTAL ALARMS – 31,533



EMS TRAINING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE



Michael Lozowy
Lieutenant

EMS Training and Quality Assurance are two interrelated positions that are an integral part of the EMS Bureau. Under the guidance of Lt. Michael Lozowy, the basic EMS training needs of the Fire Department are met. This includes Emergency Medical Technician-Basic initial and refresher training, various cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for healthcare providers and the lay public, and the High School Scholarship program. Many city departments turn to EMS training to provide them with ongoing CPR and automatic external defibrillator (AED) training, as there are AED's located in every city building.

Emergency medical care for special events held in the City are coordinated under the EMS Bureau and EMS Training has a very active role. Activities include, but are not limited to, scheduling of staff to cover the events, equipment procurement and on site supervision and coordination with event staff. Some of the events that coverage is provided for include the Road Runner Marathon, MAPS Air Show, PGA Golf Tournament and the 4th of July downtown festival.

Under the guidance of Rita Chambers, Quality Assurance Coordinator, the continuing education of all AFD paramedics is administrated. This includes monthly run reviews, optional continuing education classes and specialty certification classes such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support, International Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Geriatric Education for EMS, Special Children's Outreach for Prehospital Education, and Pediatric

International Life Support. Akron Fire EMS is a Community Training Center for ACLS and BLS under the American Heart Association, and a State of Ohio Continuing Education site. Maintenance of those training sites allows AFD EMS to provide on site training for all certifications necessary for paramedics to fulfill their continuing education requirements for the State. All of the training could not be accomplished if it were not for the numerous paramedics who have taken on the added responsibility of becoming instructors in the various specialties. The knowledge and experience of the AFD instructors greatly enhances and maintains the high standards of the quality educational programs that are offered.

In 2006, initial accreditation for an EMT-Basic education program was applied for and granted by the Ohio EMS Board. This process involved a self study document which was completed during the summer of 2006. A site review was completed in October by a representative from the state EMS office and approval was granted by the Ohio EMS Board in November 2006. Akron Fire EMS can now educate EMT-Basics for their initial training and does not have to utilize an outside agency for certification purposes.

The paramedic apprenticeship program is administered through the QA Coordinator. New paramedics complete a six-month training program, which orients them to the AFD protocol and EMS system. After completion of the didactic portion, they are tested with written and skills exams and finally, evaluated in the field. The apprenticeship program was developed in conjunction with the EMS Committee from Local #330 and has proven to be extremely beneficial to entry level paramedics.

EMS TRAINING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE

Additionally, everyone involved with EMS training evaluates equipment with input from field personnel. As technology continues to evolve we strive to stay on the cutting edge by providing personnel the best equipment to administer excellent patient care.

As with any large organization involved with EMS, committee work is an integral part of our community involvement. Some of the committees that we are involved with are the Regional Physician's Advisory Board, Domestic Preparedness Task Force, SUMMA EMS, Adult Vocational School EMT Advisory, EMS Advisory Board to the Mayor, and Ohio ITLS Advisory Board.

EMS is a vital component and integral part of the Akron Fire Department and continues to evolve and provide outstanding services to the citizens of Akron. This has been accomplished by



dedicated, well-trained personnel who are committed to maintaining the highest standard of care the citizens of Akron have come to expect.

2006 EMS Training Statistics

Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Refresher	111
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation	
CPR	481
Advanced Cardiac Life Support	
Instructors Updated	34
Basic Life Support	
Providers Recertified	38
Pediatric Advanced Life Support	
Providers Recertified	69
Instructors Recertified	4
International Trauma Life Support	
Providers Recertified	44
Instructors Recertified	27
Instructors Certified	11

Pediatric ITLS	
Providers Certified.....	53
Geriatric Education for EMS	
GEMS	40
Run Reviews	
4-hour sessions.....	25
Optional Continuing Education	
4-hour sessions.....	20
8-hour sessions.....	7
Paramedic Apprenticeship Program	
Initial	16
EMS Instructor Certification	
EMS	9

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Frank Marina
District Chief

The Akron Fire Prevention Bureau in 2006 engaged in a number of activities in an effort to reduce the occurrence of fire incidences and to minimize the loss of life and property damage if a fire should occur.

The Fire Prevention Bureau attempts to minimize the loss of life and property by ensuring that commercial building are built with the proper building materials, the proper number and adequate means of egress are provided, and required fire protection systems are installed. This is accomplished during the review of building plans and by conducting field inspections.

After buildings are built, the Fire Prevention Bureau continues to minimize the loss of life and property by conducting annual inspections. The inspections ensure that buildings and their systems are properly maintained and kept in Fire Code compliance, and that operational functions are conducted in a safe and proper manner.

The Fire Prevention Bureau continues to minimize the loss of life and property by conducting fire origin and cause investigations. Data collected from investigations and inspection activities are evaluated to identify product deficiencies, improper or inappropriate safety behavior, and fire occurrence trends. The information is assessed, safety precautions are formulated, and then effectively conveyed to the community through a variety of public education programs.



Standing 2nd Row Left to Right: D. Clopton, J. Gardner, J. Gordon, Lt. J. Walker, S. Holler, E. Sturkey, Captain R. Marmaduke, W. Gladman. **Front Row Sitting:** Lt. M. Park, District Chief F. Marina, O. Blocker, D. Davis, M. Mara

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The mission of the Akron Fire Prevention Bureau is to safeguard life, property and public welfare from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling, or use of substances, materials, or devices and from conditions hazardous to life, property, or public welfare in the use or occupancy of buildings, structures, sheds, tents, lots, or premises.

The Akron Fire department works hard to keep fires from occurring by providing code enforcement, fire safety public education and fire investigation. It has been quoted "that the fires that never start are the cheapest to fight; they are also the safest, they produce the least smoke and they free up firefighting resources for other fires."

We accomplish this by using the 3 E's (Education, Engineering, and Enforcement);



Educating the public on ways to prevent fires



Engineering practices that enhance fire safety in our homes and workplace are pursued in our codes and standards



Enforce existing regulations which embrace our overall fire safety mission.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The purpose of the code enforcement section is to provide fire safety inspection in the City of Akron to guard against:



The hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling or use of structures, materials or devices



Conditions hazardous to life, property or public welfare in the occupancy of structures or premises



Fire hazards in the structure or on the premises from occupancy or operation



Matters related to the construction, extension, repair, alteration or removal of fire suppression or alarm systems



Lt. M. Park reviewing plans for fire suppression for one of Akron's new public schools

Accomplishment For 2006

The code enforcement section performed plans reviews on 916 sets of building plans. These plans were reviewed for egress, fire suppression systems and fire alarm systems. A few examples of some of the larger buildings that plan reviews were performed on in 2006 were the new Judith Resnik and Voris elementary schools and the Northside Loft project.

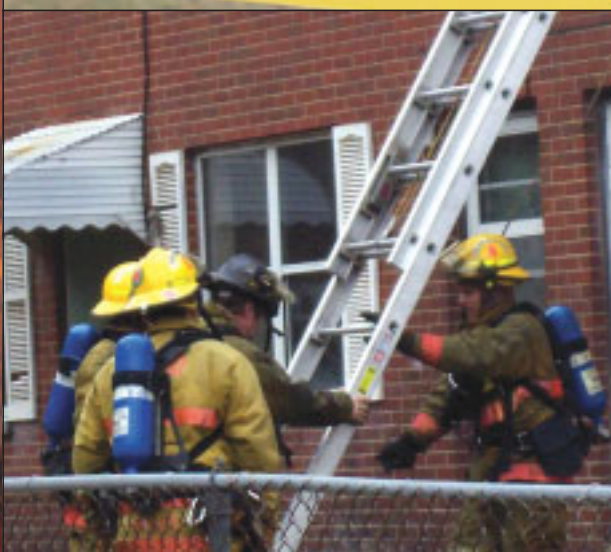
Eight more firefighters were trained by the Ohio Fire Academy and certified by the State of Ohio as Underground Storage Tank Inspectors allowing them to monitor and inspect the installation, removal and repair of Underground Storage Tanks. This allowed the bureau to perform 12 removals, 4 installations, 6 repairs/upgrades and 1 out of service/temporary closure in place of UST.





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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU



Captain R. Vober viewing fire panel in downtown high-rise building.

Fire companies performed 440 inspections on small mercantile and business occupancies, freeing up fire safety inspectors to do inspections on more complex and larger occupancies.

All public and private schools in Akron performed fire safety evacuation drills under the guidance of the Bureau, as required by the State Fire Marshal. Also mandated by the State Fire Marshal, every inspector attended a fireworks update, so that we can monitor all fireworks displays within the City.

The Bureau performed site reviews and provided environmental information to other

public and private agencies, for the purpose of checking for fire safety violations that may affect the Fire Department.

In 2006, the Bureau started a program where each lieutenant was assigned a high-rise building in the city. The lieutenants then collected information on "their" high rise and this information was put into a database accessible from all department computers. This program was headed by Captain Rick Vober.

Also, the Bureau accepted six interns from the University of Akron's Fire Science program, allowing them to gain first-hand knowledge of the various functions of the fire service.

CODE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

ASSEMBLIES	INSPECTIONS	REINSPECTIONS	VIOLATIONS
Church	40	14	80
Night Clubs/ Bars	87	45	145
Restaurants	215	100	372
Recreation Centers	38	13	65
Misc. Assemblies	69	18	137
BUSINESS			
Professional Offices	469	116	754
Medical Offices	208	38	301
Barber / Beauty Shop	0	0	0
Banks	49	12	65
Misc. Business	252	75	383
EDUCATIONAL			
Daycare	119	39	173
School Elementary	170	28	252
School Jr. High	26	9	37
School High	46	11	61
Misc. Educational	21	4	24
FACTORY / INDUSTRIAL			
Plastic Manufacture	13	1	22
Dry Cleaning	22	10	32
Machine Shop	38	25	69
Print Commercial	22	10	39
Misc. Factory / Industrial	113	34	192
HAZARDOUS			
Misc. Hazardous	0	0	0
INSTITUTIONAL			
Hospitals	87	7	131
Jails	9	1	12
Misc. Institutional	18	0	27
MERCANTILE			
Department Stores	99	93	177
Grocery Store	104	31	150
Furniture Store	29	14	50
Misc. Mercantile	501	209	793
RESIDENTIAL			
Foster Homes	229	37	297
Apartments	268	47	637
Hotel / Motel	5	0	7
Boarding House	22	4	27
Misc. Residential	33	4	52
STORAGE			
Auto Repair	104	39	162
Misc. Storage	70	20	120
UTILITY			
Misc. Utility	38	6	68
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vacant / Secure	579	43	658
Misc.	0	0	0
TOTAL	4215	1127	6571
Plans Review	841	0	0
Site Visits	1271	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	6327	1127	6571

PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTION



Frank Marina
District Chief

as a result of avoidable behavior.

The mission of the Public Education Section is to create a positive change in the Life Safety behaviors of the citizens of Akron, through various educational strategies, thus reducing the incidence of injuries, death and property loss

Goals



Enhance public safety and reduce property loss through education and public awareness.



Provide clear and consistent information to the public and business community.



Prevent injury and loss of life through changing behavior.



Identify segments of the community whose lives are "at risk". Develop, present, and review life safety and injury prevention education programs



Public Fire Safety Educators M. Harper, J. Gardner & J. Gordon

The Public Education Section in 2006 partnered with several community organizations (Akron Children's Hospital, Summit County Safe Kids Coalition, American Red Cross, Akron Health Department's Safety Seekers program and American Cancer Society) and combined the resources available from the Fire Department to provide comprehensive public education/fire prevention programs. These programs provide the education and skills needed to prevent the loss of life and/or property to the ravages of fire.

The following are examples of the services we provide:



Home inspection services



General fire safety classes



Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Fire Truck Day at Burn Camp

PUBLIC EDUCATION SECTION



Akron Fire Department's Foam Truck produces foam for a day of fun at Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Fire Truck Day at Burn Camp

-  Portable fire extinguisher training
-  Juvenile Firestoppers program
-  Smoke alarm awareness, distribution and installation
-  Weekly radio safety tips (WAKR)
-  Child car seat check ups
-  Preparedness plans for businesses
-  Fire Safety House visits to festivals and schools.

Public Education Statistics 2006

The Juvenile Fire Stoppers Program Classes	207
Community Groups	128
Business and Industry	80
School Visits	130
Fire Safety House	27
Group Homes	20
Detention Center	12
Senior Citizen Groups	8
Installation of Smoke Alarms/ Home Inspections	61 Homes
Distribution of Smoke Alarms	358

BENEFITS OFFICER



John Beavers
Firefighter/Medic

The responsibilities of the Benefits Officer include assisting members of the Akron Fire Department in obtaining and submitting the necessary forms to obtain benefits when ill or injured, when contemplating retirement, or in matters relating to any other employee benefits. The Benefits Officer can also assist members in matters concerning claims filed with the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation. Members of the Akron Fire Department generated 108 Supervisor's Reports of Injury in 2006 resulting in 51 claims being processed through the Bureau of Worker's Compensation. All injured personnel

missed a combined total of 243 workdays. This represents the lowest total since 2002.

The Benefits Officer assists members of the department in obtaining the health care benefits to which they and their family members are entitled. The Benefits Officer also serves as a liaison with Employee Benefits, Medical Mutual of Ohio, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, and all entities involved in Worker's Compensation cases. There were more than 600 such encounters in 2006 serving the families of active and retired firefighters.

Members of the Akron Fire Department desiring a Service or Disability retirement can receive assistance from the Benefits Officer. All inquiries with the Benefits Officer are considered confidential.

The Following Eight Members of the Akron Fire Department Retired in 2006

Deputy Chief Charles Strum	Retired 02-10-06
Firefighter Richard Gleghorn	Retired 02-20-06
Firefighter Ronald Rodgers	Retired 05-03-06
Firefighter James McCollum	Retired 06-01-06
Lieutenant Gregory Aschelman	Retired 06-08-06
Lieutenant Dennis Nelson	Retired 06-09-06
Lieutenant Leroy Moss	Retired 08-05-06
Lieutenant Daniel Shaughnessy	Retired 09-22-06

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



Dennis Nelson
Lieutenant

The Fire Investigation Unit conducts several types of investigations for the Akron Fire Department. The primary responsibility is to assist fire officers and commanders make an accurate fire cause determination of fires occurring within the City of Akron. Fires determined to be of incendiary cause are then investigated as crimes, with identification, apprehension, and successful prosecution of the responsible person(s) as the goal. Other responsibilities include internal investigations of Akron Fire personnel at the direction of Fire Administration, and pre-employment background investigations of all potential fire recruit candidates. The Akron Police Department provides additional assistance in any of the above investigations when requested.

In 2006, the Fire Investigation Unit received 320 referrals, of which 220 were structure fires, 82 were vehicle fires, and 18 other miscellaneous incidents. Of these 320 referrals, 104 were determined to be incendiary fires: 53 residential structure fires, 7 commercial

structure fires, 38 vehicle fires, and 7 other miscellaneous incidents.

Incident investigations resulted in nine arrests with convictions in all cases. The Fire Investigation Unit also conducted four investigations involving eight civilian fire fatalities during 2006. Three of these investigations, involving six of the fatalities, were determined to be accidental fires, while the fourth investigation, involving the remaining two fatalities, was determined to be an incendiary fire, presently under investigation as a double homicide in cooperation with the Akron Police Department.

The Fire Investigation Unit continued to be the regional reporting location for fire/burn injuries during 2006. As required by law, information concerning suspicious fire/burn injuries is forwarded from area hospitals to our office where it is retained for potential investigative purposes.

The Fire Investigation Unit also provided assistance to other local communities and law enforcement agencies when requested throughout the year. We would like to thank the Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office, their Forensic Laboratory, and other county, state, and federal agencies, with special thanks to the Akron Police Department for their continued assistance and support throughout 2006.

FIRE INVESTIGATORS

Bradley McKittrick, Lieutenant

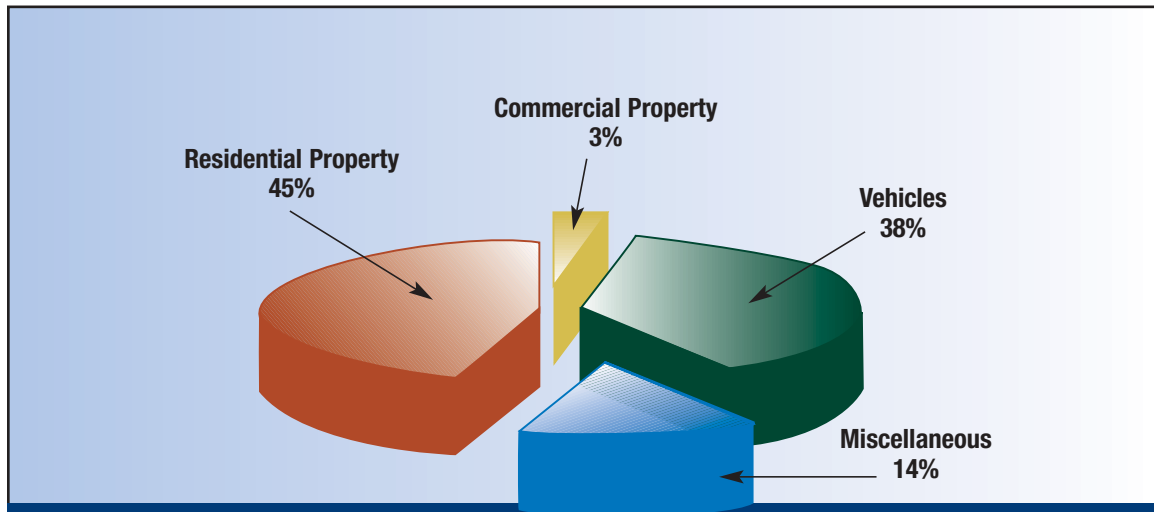
Robert Wroblewski, Lieutenant

Todd Webb, Investigator

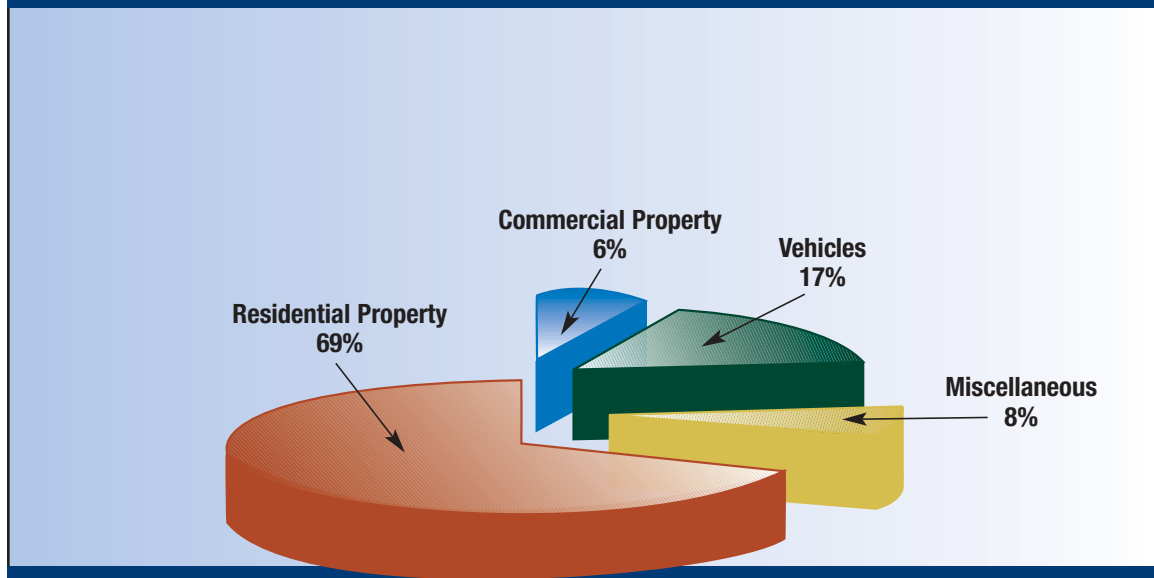
Matt D'Avello, Investigator

Dennis Nelson, Lieutenant – Retired 6/9/06

FIRE INVESTIGATION SECTION



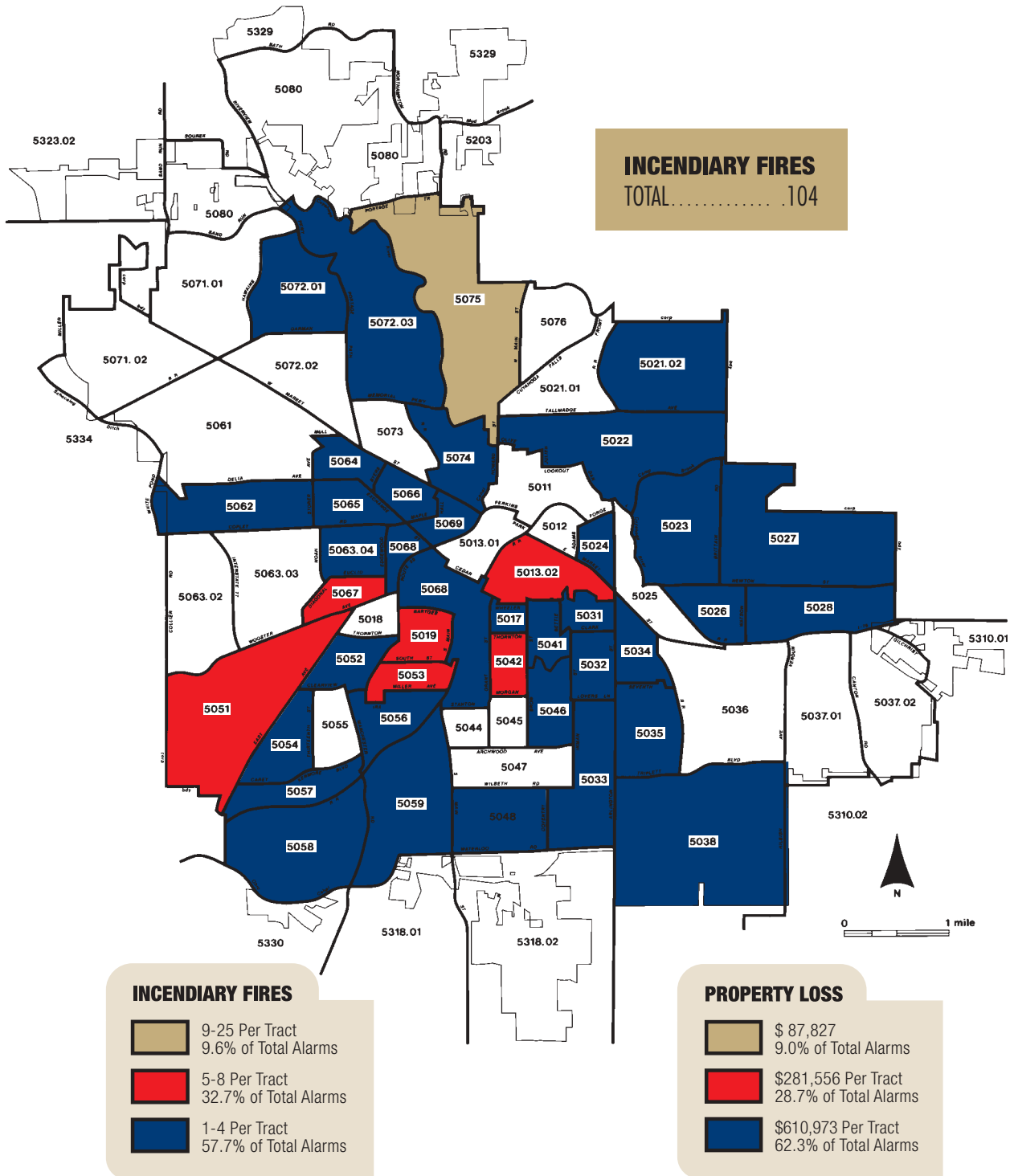
2006 INCENDIARY INCIDENTS



2006 INCENDIARY DOLLAR LOSS – \$980,356

INCENDIARY FIRES PER CENSUS TRACT

AKRON, OHIO



BUREAU OF TRAINING



Dennis Stoneman

District Chief

The most important non-emergency function on any fire department, including the Akron Fire Department, is that of training. The primary responsibility of the Training Bureau is to organize, develop and schedule training for all department members in compliance with federal, state and local requirements. The goal is to maintain a highly trained work force by utilizing the latest and most progressive training technology available. The Training Bureau constantly strives to enhance the ability of Akron Fire personnel to handle any type of emergency in the safest and most efficient manner possible.

In 2006, some type of training was held daily Monday through Saturday 52 weeks out of the year. The Training Bureau continuously works from time of recruitment until time of retirement to make our Akron Firefighters the best trained firefighters in the State of Ohio.

The year 2006 was a busy one for training and many new changes were instituted. Literally hundreds of drills and training sessions were held throughout the year. Just a few of the many accomplishments and special training sessions held during 2006 are as follows:

Akron Fire Channel 911

In 2006, the Training Bureau began broadcasting training tapes and programs from the Training Academy via Warner Cable to all 13 fire stations, Safety Communication Center, Fire Maintenance Facility and Fire Administration downtown. Akron Fire Videographer Mike McDonald films most Akron fires and incidents which are later shown on AFD Channel 911. The Training Bureau would like to thank Warner Cable for providing this important training tool at no charge to the City of Akron.

Emergency Vehicle Driver Training

During 2006 the entire department received hands-on drivers training to follow up on the classroom EVD training that was given in 2005. All firefighters had to pass an outside and inside driving course that had been set up at vacant Taylor Pontiac Dealership on East Market Street.

Live Burns

In 2006 the Training Bureau held several live burns at a multifamily apartment building giving many newly promoted officers a chance to improve their skills. These live burns are very difficult to accomplish and require a great amount of work to safely complete start to finish. Many live burns and training evolutions are planned at city-provided vacant buildings for the future. The Training Bureau would like to thank Kevin Willis of the Planning Department for providing the many vacant properties that we use daily for our training drills.

AFD Host Bomb School

In 2006 Akron Fire teamed up with the University of Akron to bring in bomb experts from New Mexico Tech for a 3-day seminar.

The event was a great success with over 600 firefighters, law enforcement officials and private industry people attending. As a follow up to the training, Akron Fire will send numerous people to New Mexico Tech in New Mexico for further training funded by Department of Homeland Security.

FMLA

During 2006, Fire department was used as the pilot program for city-wide training of all supervisors on dealing with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). All officers on the Fire Department completed a computer-based training program. The program has led to future city-wide computer training plans.

Station Awareness Training

Akron Fire has 13 fire stations which all have different equipment and specialties. In 2006, the

BUREAU OF TRAINING

Training Bureau started Station Awareness Training attempting to make the entire Fire Department familiar with each station's unique features and equipment. The month of year determines the station of the month.

For example; Month 5 (May), was Station #5 Awareness Training for the month. On all three shifts, fire companies traveled to the Station 5 and had training on the Foam Truck, Tactical EMS (TEMS) Medics and other aspects of Station 5. Month 6 (June), training was done at Station 6, Month 7 (July), Station 7, etc. The Training Bureau would like to thank all those that assisted in preparing and presenting the Station Awareness Training.

Apprenticeship Program

Brenda Chapman works hard providing Monthly Apprenticeship updates for the company officers to use with their training. Forty six Akron firefighters in 2006 were working on completing their apprenticeship at various levels. No recruit class was held in 2006 but hopefully an entrance exam for new Akron firefighters will be conducted by the fall of 2007.

Computer Training

In 2006, the Training Bureau spent hundreds of hours traveling around to the fire stations giving one-on-one computer training to individuals. The intranet is used daily by the Training Bureau to provide needed training and information. The entire department must become proficient in the use of computers to stay progressive and deal with change in the fire service.

Fit for Fire Program

The Training Bureau Captain manages and coordinates the Fit For Fire Program. The program has two phases. The first stage is the health screening of all firefighters through the District Chief level. These include all line firefighters and all those assigned to Bureaus. The second stage consists of the actual physical testing of the

previously screened firefighters. The department has ten certified fitness coordinators that are utilized in the annual screening and testing. The Training Bureau would like to thank these fitness coordinators for the extra work they do to make the program a success.

Special Projects

The Training Bureau conducted several special training projects throughout the year. Some of the training included; Officer Development training, swift water rescue training, RIT training, TROT training at the Airdock, and numerous others. These training sessions were in addition to the monthly training sessions that are conducted by the Dive Team, TROT Team and HazMat Team.

Mandatory Training

The Training Bureau spends a great deal of time providing training that is mandated by Federal, State and Local agencies.

In 2006, below are a few examples:



Sexual Harassment Training



HIPPA Training



Drug Testing Policy Review



Yearly SCBA Training



Dreager Yearly Fit Facepiece Testing



NIMS Training



Safety Officer Training

Equipment Testing

In conjunction with Fire Maintenance, Fire Training personnel performed pump tests on all first-line and spare pumpers. Hose tests were scheduled by training instructors and the companies tested the entire inventory of hose, including all hose on spare apparatus. Training would like to thank Dave Davis from Fire Prevention who assisted in pump testing.

BUREAU OF TRAINING

(Continued)

Special Training Outside of Akron Fire Department

During 2006, many Akron Firefighters attended various Seminars, Courses and Schools to stay current and progressive in

dealing with all types of emergencies. Below are just a few examples of the numerous courses attended throughout the year.

Class or Course	Instruction/Location
Advanced Fire Code	State Fire School, Bowling Green
Advanced Fire Investigation	Ohio Fire Academy
Air Monitoring Refresher	Cleveland State University
Auto Extrication	Ohio Fire Academy
Basic Disaster Life Support	National Disaster Life Support Foundation
Basic EMT and EMT Refreshers	Ohio Department of Public Safety
Civil Service Rules, Conflict Resolution, & EEO Laws	City of Akron Personnel Department
Comprehensive Instructor Training	International Association of Firefighters
Draeger Fit Testing (Entire Department)	Akron Fire Personnel
Fire Instructor Training	University of Akron Personnel
Firefighter Education Seminar	Howland Township/Ohio State FF Association
Computer-Based FMLA Training	City of Akron Personnel Department.
Gas ID	Smiths Detection
Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (600 Attendees)	New Mexico Tech Personnel Taught at The University of Akron
Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings and Suicide Bombs	On Campus at New Mexico Tech
Incident Safety Officer	Ohio Fire Academy
2006 Leadership Conference	Ohio Fire and Emergency Services
Lockheed-Martin Emergency Response Training	Lockheed-Martin
Nat'l Arson Prevention Initiative, Live Burn Training & Nat'l Arson Prevention	Fire Department Instructors Conference Indianapolis, Indiana
National Incident Management System (NIMS) Numerous Levels (100-800)	Nat'l Fire Academy, FEMA, Ohio Fire Academy, Kestrel Enter. LLC
Meth Lab Training	Summit County Emergency Management
Real Leaders with Real People	Chief Rick Lasky, Twinsburg Fire Department
Uunderground Storage Tank Inspector	Ohio State Fire Marshall
Structural Collapse Tech. Training	Miami Valley Fire/EMS Alliance
Summit County 911 Plan Revsion	Summit County Emergency Management
Supervision for Ultimate Effectiveness	Boyd C. Stephan

AKRON FIRE VIDEOGRAPHER



Mike McDonald
Videographer

Mike McDonald, son of retired Captain Stanley McDonald, has been videotaping emergency runs of the Akron Fire Department since June 1, 1991. With the assistance of former chiefs George Willoughby and Charles Gladman in 1996, Mike began a relationship with the City of Akron as an independent contractor to render videotaping services to the Fire Department, videotaping emergency responses by Fire Department personnel and equipment.

Some of the types of emergencies Mike has videotaped include fires in houses, buildings, garages, cars and trailers, multiple vehicle accidents, TROT rescues, chemical spills, other HazMat incidents, train incidents, explosions, floods, dive rescues and recoveries, and mutual aid incidents with Springfield, Coventry, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, and Barberton.

In addition to videotaping emergency incidents, Mike has recorded other events and activities, such as new equipment training, foam truck training, Limited Victim Incident and Mass Casualty Incident training, miscellaneous fire and EMS training and

specialty team training (Water Rescue Unit, TROT, HazMat). He has also covered recruit class training, live burn training, EMS run reviews, Prom Promise drills, recruit class graduations, officer promotions, Fire Safety house events and Fire Alarm Headquarters training sessions. In essence, if it has to do with the Akron Fire Department, Mike is there to record it.

Mike has videotaped hundreds of hours of emergency incidents over the years, including the fire at the former Brown & Graves Lumber Company and flooding at the Timber Top apartment complex, to name two. Some have even been used by regional news media.













He has participated in community functions with department members, such as, Fill-the-Boot and tree delivery at Christmas time. A dedicated individual, Mike has been embraced as part of the Akron Fire extended family.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION



Robert C. Ross Jr.
Deputy Chief

Through the combined cooperation and effort of the many employees that make up the Akron Fire Department, the Administrative Subdivision was able to provide our firefighters and paramedics with the equipment, tools and support they needed to protect our citizens from the ravages of fire, illness and injury. I wish to show appreciation to the following bureaus or divisions for their efforts in helping the Administrative Subdivision operate smoothly in 2006.

-  Administrative & Clerical Staff
-  Fire Investigation Section
-  Fire Prevention Bureau
-  Code Enforcement Section
-  Public Education Section
-  Accounting and Services Bureau
-  Fire Maintenance
-  Hydrant Maintenance
-  Fire and EMS Storeroom
-  All non-administration Offices & Bureaus

The Accounting and Services Bureau is responsible for providing the administrative support, equipment, and facilities required to operate a first class organization such as the City of Akron Fire Department. They are responsible for the long and short term strategic planning for the department's future while managing the various funds, grants and budgets that finance the daily operations of the Akron Fire Department. They maintain all records and incident reporting. They produce or manage the production and design of all specifications for our facilities, vehicle purchases, equipment and supplies. They supervise the Fire Maintenance Bureau, the Hydrant Maintenance Bureau and our department storeroom who repair and maintain all of our safety equipment, vehicles, hydrants and facilities as well as providing the stock the department requires for uninterrupted operations. The Public Education Section provides the community with aggressive and innovative programs designed to instruct our adult citizens and our children about fire safety. The Fire Prevention Bureau combines residential and commercial property inspections with code enforcement to reduce or eliminate fire damage while ensuring the highest quality of occupant safety. The Fire Investigation Section consists of investigators that are both trained police officers as well as professional firefighters. They conduct fire investigations throughout the city while being responsible for internal affairs investigations and background checks.

ACCOUNTING AND SERVICES BUREAU



Brent Combs
District Chief

The Accounting and Services Bureau, located within the Fire Division's main administrative offices, provides a broad range of vital services to the Fire Department. While our work is largely behind the scenes, there is not an area of the Department that could function without the efforts of our Bureau. In addition to our downtown offices, the Bureau encompasses several other separate sections responsible for their particular specialties, including Fire Maintenance, Hydrant Maintenance, and the Fire Storeroom, all located within our Triplett Blvd. facility.

The primary mission of the Accounting and Services Bureau is to support the efforts of all of the other components of the Fire Department. Our main goal is to efficiently utilize the generous funding provided to us by the citizens of Akron, Akron City Council and the City Administration. Our focus is to operate in a fiscally responsible manner in all matters, while at the same time provide for high quality service delivery to every person that lives, works, or visits in our city. Obviously, the safety and security of the public and our personnel is always the top priority.

One of the major responsibilities of the Bureau is to prepare, submit, administer and oversee the Operating, Capital, and Grant Fund budgets of the division. In 2006, the combined budgets totaled about \$38 million, although more than 90% of the expenditures were for

personnel costs (salaries and benefits). The remainder of the budget funded the day-to-day operations of the Fire Division.

Maintaining the City's investment in our facilities continues to be another responsibility of the bureau, including items such as fire station roofs, HVAC systems, electrical systems and our information technology infrastructure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel of the Accounting and Services Bureau for their dedication, hard work, and cooperative effort, without which we would be unable to accomplish our mission. I also would like to thank City Council and the City Administration for their support throughout the year. Most importantly, I would like to thank the citizens of Akron for the opportunity to serve and help safeguard them and all that they hold dear – it is truly a privilege.



SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS



Joseph J. Kury
District Chief

The Safety Communications Division is responsible for transmitting the emergency needs of the public to emergency responders. Calls are received from the public via 9-1-1 phone lines, alarm boxes, Communication for the deaf (TDD), referrals from police, walk-ins at fire stations and other means. Calltakers enter information for incidents and code the call. Computer software determines who the dispatcher will send, based on location and specialized need. The dispatchers (Tech 2s) alert the responding units, confirm their response and document the arrival and in-service times. Fire Lieutenants, Police Sergeants and Civilian Supervisors monitor the process. Their duties include assuring proper response - adjusting when appropriate, providing for the needs of responders, and notification to proper authority of significant incidents.

This year there were several upgrades and innovations involving the Communications Center. The Radio Dispatching software was upgraded to Windows XP, an additional data channel was added to the radio system and the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) system was activated in all compliant Fire apparatus with software integration for the dispatching consoles in progress. An upgrade to our Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD) program that conforms to the new American Heart Association Guidelines for CPR was installed.

In 2006, after extensive research and negotiations for the addition of Phase 1 and Phase 2 wireless 9-1-1 equipment, it was decided to implement Phase 1 and 2 compliance concurrently. Phase 1 equipment will allow us to identify cell

phone users' numbers when they dial 9-1-1 and Phase 2 equipment will identify the cell phone location when dialing 9-1-1. Vendors presented their proposals and reviewed how their products would integrate with our existing equipment, and the City of Akron and Summit County both pursued options of integrating both systems or keeping systems totally separate. A decision was reached to integrate the systems while maintaining their respective PSAP structures. This resulted in a significant cost reduction for both entities.

The Communications training officer was active in training new employees and making sure that all required certifications were maintained. This year we hired four new trainees while two employees left to pursue other opportunities. The communications technicians were trained in Domestic Preparedness for WMD and NIMS. All current certifications in LEADS, CPR and EMD were renewed.

Our Information Systems personnel continue to work tirelessly to integrate the new Fire and EMS reporting system with our Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD). They continue to evaluate and adjust the interface to achieve better user control and NFIRS 5 reporting compliance. They organized the installation of the AVL software in our fire and EMS apparatus. They continue to update the Fire Department Web Site with increased capabilities for training, information and resource sharing.

Through the conscientious and professional efforts of our secretaries, call-takers, dispatchers, Tech 3s, police sergeants, fire officers, and information systems personnel, the emergency needs of the City of Akron are recognized and efficiently addressed.

MONTHLY ALARM DATA 2006

FIRES					NON-FIRES				Total Alarms
Month	Buildings	Grass/ Rubbish	Motor Vehicles	Misc	False	Accidental	Emergency First Aid	Misc	
January	38	14	18	1	48	44	151	216	530
February	35	13	16	1	74	40	116	228	523
March	52	13	12	2	67	51	162	256	615
April	30	53	12	1	54	48	109	293	600
May	55	34	25	3	54	51	145	313	680
June	46	43	22	3	68	51	137	350	720
July	45	19	13	2	67	52	140	359	697
August	41	23	21	1	69	46	139	365	705
September	44	18	17	2	54	47	118	271	571
October	46	17	16	1	52	49	115	334	630
November	41	25	22	1	69	37	111	239	545
December	47	17	10	1	43	45	120	259	542
TOTAL	520	289	204	19	719	561	1563	3483	7358

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/RESCUE BUREAU



Anthony R. Law
District Chief

The Hazardous Materials / Rescue Bureau Manager is District Chief Anthony R. Law ; telephone (330) 375-2164. The Hazardous Materials/Rescue Bureau oversees the activities of the HazMat, Trot and Water Rescue teams. Along with responding to multiple emergencies in 2006, the HazMat team continues to attend training on and off duty to remain proficient in their knowledge and abilities to perform their duties to the highest degree. The HazMat team responded to 201 calls in 2006. The HazMat and Decon teams participated in a WMD drill at the Wolf Ledges Post Office this year and it was a great success. The team members also played key positions at the HazMat drill at Eliokem. The team performs annual site inspections and completes the risk and hazard analysis at the

various Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) facilities in Akron. We maintain the Superfund Amendment & Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III) files in the bureau. We received grant-awarded equipment to better prepare ourselves to respond to disasters in Akron and the region. New 800mgh radios, radiation dosimeters, gas ID chemical identifier and a WMD simulation manikin round out the list of equipment.

We sent members to the HazMat Continuing Challenge in Sacramento, California and the HazMat Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada. We currently have members that are Summit County zone coordinators, Summit County Special Operations Response Team (SORT) Executive Board, Summit County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and the Summit County Domestic Preparedness Task Force. A special thanks to all of our members for their dedication and professionalism.



WATER RESCUE UNIT

The year 2006 brought new challenges to the team in several forms. The primary focus was for the team to adapt to a heavier emphasis on swift water rescue. In conjunction with teams from throughout the county, Akron took steps toward becoming regional in our responses to swift water/flooding emergencies. As a result, water rescue personnel spent two weeks under the supervision of the TROT team learning the first of many new rope handling skills. Additionally, two team members went to Columbus for an Instructor Development Course in swift water rescue, and after 40 hours of rigorous hands on training, they graduated as provisional instructors. In addition to the efforts directed toward our new focus, team members were able to meet the annual eight-dive requirement. With 183 training dives and 9 emergency response runs it was a very busy year.

Another challenge faced by the team was to replace personnel lost to promotion, retirement, and injury. In order to tackle this problem, 15 candidates worked on their aquatic skills and in November completed the entry qualification assessment. Candidates were expected to complete two distance swims (one with mask, snorkel, and fins and one without), tread water for 15 minutes, and retrieve a 10-pound brick from a depth of between 10 and 13 feet. Team leaders then began the process of determining who would be selected to fill the vacancies.

We also acquired and refurbished a new (experienced) dive vehicle. We inherited old Medic unit 668 and station personnel put their talents to work converting it to our needs. This rig is a definite improvement over the retired Unit 646 which served us well for many years.



TECHNICAL RESCUE OPERATIONS TEAM

During the calendar year the Technical Rescue Operations Team was very active conducting routine and not-so-routine training to maintain the team members' skills and keep them abreast of the newest rescue techniques developed. The team responded to six emergency calls in 2006. Several members attended schools outside of the Akron Fire Department and that knowledge was returned and shared amongst the team members.

The team conducted training sessions that included quarterly training sessions with the Summit County team in order to enhance our Region 5 response capabilities.

The team also trained at various industrial sites throughout the city of Akron, several of which proved especially beneficial due to the fact that true emergency incidents actually occurred at these sites later on. Confined Space Rescue training was conducted at Eliokem Inc., and shortly thereafter the team was called for an actual confined space rescue. High Angle Rescue training was conducted at the Lockheed Martin Airdock, and then a major fire occurred soon after that. The knowledge gained during that training session assisted in the deployment of fire companies during the fire.



The team made a tremendous gain in the purchase of a new Technical Rescue trailer. The new trailer is longer, wider and has a greater weight capacity. This allowed the team to continue improving their Technical Rescue capabilities through additional purchases of updated equipment.

The heart and soul of this team is and always has been the individual team members, they are what makes this team one of the strongest teams in Northeast Ohio. Their commitment to long days of training, working in difficult conditions, and being expert at their specialized tasks is truly what makes our team such a success.

PERSONNEL

Number of Employees for each Classified Position

TITLE	ACTUAL	AUTHORIZED
Uniform:		
Fire Chief	1	1
Fire Deputy Chief	4	5
Fire District Chief	8	7
Fire Captain	17	17
Fire Lieutenant	89	90
Firefighter	247	281
Total Uniformed Personnel	366	401
Support:		
Fire Equipment Supervisor	1	1
Fire Equipment Foreman	1	1
Fire Equipment Mechanic	8	9
Fire Hydrant Repair Supervisor	1	1
Fire Hydrant Maintenance Worker	3	3
Secretary IV	1	1
Secretary III	5	6
Secretary II	1	3
Secretary I	0	1
Storekeeper II	1	0
Stores Clerk	2	1
Programmer Analyst I	1	2
Quality Assurance Coordinator	1	1
Akron Fire Videographer	1	1
Total Support	27	31
Total Division	393	432

Personnel Data For	
Appointments	2
Separated (Temporary – COE).....	0
Retirement	8
Demotions.....	1
Disability Separation.....	4
Promotions.....	9
Reinstated.....	2
Positions not filled.....	41
Dismissal.....	2
Deceased (Active).....	1
Transfers to other Departments.....	0
Deceased (Retired).....	3

FIRE MAINTENANCE FACILITY



Michael Sombrio
Fire Equipment Supervisor

The Equipment Maintenance Division is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Fire Department vehicles and equipment as well as the maintenance of thirteen Fire Stations.

Following is a summary of the activity of this Division for the year ending December 31, 2006:

JOB

VEHICLE REPAIRS - MAJOR314

Includes engines, drive train, fire pumps, transmission, clutches, collisions and rust damage, etc.

VEHICLE REPAIRS - MINOR9,311

Includes tune-up, ignition and wiring, lights, brakes, steering, etc.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE392

Includes general inspection, lubrication and road tests.

BUILDING REPAIRS1,983

Includes heating & cooling, plumbing, elevators, electrical, structural, appliances, and lawn & garden equipment.

SCBA REPAIR - MAJOR37

Includes complete overhaul of breathing air equipment.

SCBA REPAIR - MINOR2,233

Includes maintenance and repair of all self-contained breathing apparatus and medical equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE783

Includes driver training, Underwriter tests (pump, hose and aerial), response to multiple alarms and support services pertinent to the Fire Department.

FIRE MAINTENANCE FACILITY

In 2006 Fire Maintenance placed the following vehicles into service

Three 2006 Ford E-450 HD chassis fitted with modular ambulance bodies assigned as Med 6, Med 12 and Med 5.

Two 2006 Ford E-350 HD chassis fitted with mini modular ambulance bodies assigned as Med 2 and Med 4.

One 2006 3/4-Ton Chevrolet Van assigned to Public Education.

Two 2006 1/2-Ton Chevrolet Vans assigned to the Storeroom.

One 2006 Chevrolet Uplander assigned to Training.

One 2006 16' Pace Mass Casualty Response Trailer.

One 2006 36' Surrey Fire Safety House.

The following vehicles were reassigned within the Department:

063708 was reassigned as a spare med unit.

0669A0 was reassigned as a spare med unit.

066807 was reassigned as the Dive Truck.

The following vehicles were removed from service and turned in to Motor Equipment for auction or reassignment

063108	0632A8	0634A8
064609	0665A2	068705
068805	061608	



FIRE STATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Station No. 2 - 952 E. Exchange St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 3 - 59 S. Maple St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford
Shift Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 4 - 25 E. Thornton St.

2000 GPM Pumper, 2005 Sutphen
2500 GPM Quint Ladder, 2001 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford
HazMat Heavy Rescue, 1993 Pemfab
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 5 - 2460 E. Market St.

1500 GPM Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Chevrolet
1996 Pierce Foam Truck

Station No. 6 - 1685 S. Hawkins Ave.

1500 GPM Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford
Air Source Truck, 1995 Chevrolet Kodiak

Station No. 7 - 541 E. Tallmadge Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1994 Sutphen
75' Aerial, 1997 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2002 Ford
Technical Rescue Truck, 1992 Chevrolet
Technical Rescue Trailer, 2006 United
Technical Rescue Gator and trailer,
2004 John Deere – 2004 Triton Trailer

Station No. 8 - 1277 E. Archwood Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1995 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2003 Ford
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford



Station No. 9 - 98 Dodge Ave.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 1996 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 1998 Chevrolet
Battalion Commander Vehicle, 2003 Ford

Station No. 10 - 2225 4th St. SW

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Pierce
75' Aerial, 2003 Pierce
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2002 Ford
Boat Trailer, 1984 B & M
14' Boat, 1980 Myers
Dive Team Truck, 1989 International

Station No. 11 - 1688 Akron Peninsula Rd.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford

Station No. 12 - 1852 W. Market St.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2006 Ford

Station No. 13 - 1544 Brown St.

1500 GPM Pumper, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford

Station No. 14 - 766 Brittain Road

1500 GPM Mini-Tower, 1991 Sutphen
Emergency Medical Vehicle, 2000 Ford

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE







Gailon Williams
Fire Hydrant Repair
Supervisor



The following is a summary of activities of Hydrant Maintenance for the year ending December 31, 2006:

Hydrants Inspected	5,400
Follow-up Inspections After Use by Fire Companies	300
Alarms Responded to	3
Additional Hydrants Installed	10
New Hydrants Turned	77
Hydrants Rebuilt	190
Hydrants Winterized	0
Hydrants Repacked	50
Hydrants Serviced	5,400
Hydrants Painted	1,200
Flow Tests Conducted by Fire Underwriters .	0
Hydrants Broken	625
Hydrants Flushed	11,652
Hydrants Elevated Above Grade	50

Hydrant coding specifications:

	White: 1,500 gallons per minute and above
	Green: 1,000 – 1,499 gallons per minute
	Orange: 500 – 999 gallons per minute
	Red: Less than 500 gallons per minute

Matching color on steamer cap and dome indicates last hydrant on the main.

IN RECOGNITION

While every man and woman of the Akron Fire Department deserves recognition for their service to the community, the following individuals were singled out during 2006 for selfless dedication and service.

The Optimist Club of Akron Fire/Medic of the Year

James Diestel

The American College of Emergency Physicians Star of Life Award (Nomination)

For providing rapid trauma assessment and patient care to a child with a traumatic brain injury

Greg Gearhart

William Kennedy

Warren Russell

David Tenney

The American College of Emergency Physicians You Gotta Have Heart Award

For providing medical care to save a 29 year old woman who was in full arrest.

She was one in 55 million to survive (photo below)



(Left-to-right) Mike Wayne, Robert Langston, Lt. Tim Himan, Christi Groetz, Kevin Gostkowski & Dan Deluca

IN RECOGNITION

The following individuals were promoted during 2006

Promoted from Fire Lieutenant to Fire Captain on May 15, 2006

Lt. Robert Marmaduke

Lt. Albert Smith

Promoted from Firefighter/Medic to Fire Lieutenant on May 15, 2006

FF/M Matthew Moyers

FF/M Richard Chiancone

Promoted from Firefighter/Medic to Fire Lieutenant on November 15, 2006

FF/M John Duber

FF/M Christopher Karakis

FF/M Joseph Gentile

FF/M Jeffrey Schueller



(Top) Left to Right: Mayor Don Plusquellic, Lt. Richard Chiancone, Lt. Matthew Moyers, Capt. Robert Marmaduke, Capt. Albert Smith and Chief Charles Gladman.

(Left) The Optimist Club of Akron Fire/Medic of the Year James Diestel

(Bottom) Chief Charles Gladman, Lt. Joseph Gentile, Lt. Christopher Karakis, Lt. Jeffrey Schueller, Lt. John Duber and Mayor Don Plusquellic.



Akron History Trails wind through time



At Akron Fire Station No. 2, photos of firefighters from 1926 line the wall, above, and an 1853 fountain stands outside. The station, which is something of a firefighter museum, is among central Akron sites the city is encouraging families to visit this summer.

Passport? Check! Learning? Check!

Akron organizes family-friendly summer event

By Paula Schiele
Season Journal staff writer

During his 20 years at Akron Fire Station No. 2, Dennis Stoneman's love of history slowly turned the workplace into a de facto firefighting museum.

Some ancient metal fire hats and soot-stained uniforms here. An obsolete safety net and old hose equipment there. Framed newspaper clippings everywhere.

Now, Stoneman's hobby has landed Station No. 2 on a list of central Akron sites that city officials are encouraging families to visit this summer.

The organized effort is called Akron History Trails, and it kicks off Friday. "It's a long weekend, and gas prices are high," Akron Deputy Mayor Dave Lieberth said. "We wanted to do something for families so they can stay close to home, and this is something they can enjoy together."

Armed with special passports, participants can collect stamps at each site and earn a gift by completing the itinerary by September.

There are 22 target locations. Five of them are Akron icons celebrating their 75th anniversary: FirstMerit Tower, the YMCA, the old YWCA, the former Akron Fulton International Airport terminal, and the Mayflower Hotel all went up during the 1950-51 building boom.

Other featured sites range from mansions like Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens to museums like the TV Dinner Club, where visitors can relive the 1950s and '60s.

Please see Passport, A5



HISTORY TRAIL MAP: Find out where to go to get passport stamped. A5



Fire Station No. 2 Museum

Established the Akron Station No. 2 Fire Museum which became the number one stop on the Historic Downtown Akron Passport Program in 2006. Station No. 2 is now an official stop of the City of Akron History Trails Program (2007).



A FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER

GIVE ME CONCERN FOR OTHERS

A willingness to seek out those in need ...

GIVE ME COURAGE

*The boldness of spirit to face
and conquer fear,
to share and endure the ordeal
of one who needs me ...*

GIVE ME STRENGTH

*Strength of heart to bear whatever
burden might be placed upon me ...
and strength of body to deliver to safety
all those placed within my care ...*

GIVE ME WISDOM TO LEAD

*the compassion to comfort, and the love
to serve unselfishly wherever
You take me ...*

AND PLEASE, THROUGH IT ALL, BE AT MY SIDE

IN MEMORIAM



*To those faithful firemen who have answered their last alarm, but
whose loyalty and devotion to duty will ever remain paramount
in the annals of the City of Akron and its Fire Department.*

WAYNE BRAY

BORN2/20/1928
APPOINTED12/28/1954
RETIRED4/12/1986
DIED3/20/2006

JAMES ORCUTT

BORN7/1/1923
APPOINTED2/5/1953
RETIRED6/7/1980
DIED11/11/2006

BILLY ROLLAND

BORN3/10/1922
APPOINTED7/23/1951
RETIRED7/27/1983
DIED3/5/2006



Donald L. Plusquellic
Mayor

Goodyear Airdock Fire
May 18, 2006

